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TEAMSTERS LAUNCH DRIVE FOR DAILY MILK DELIVERY

URGE PUBLIC TO DEMAND STORES DELIVER PACKAGES

An advertising campaign to provide jobs through the extension of home delivery service has been undertaken by the Indianapolis Joint Council of Teamsters.

The campaign is aimed at creating a public demand for the daily delivery of milk and complete pre-war delivery of packages, milk, bread, laundry, etc.

In no other way can the delivery system provide jobs for the number of men it formerly employed before the Office of Defense Transportation ordered the restriction of home deliveries to save rubber, gasoline, equipment and manpower.

The ODT has repealed that order, but instead of expanding delivery service to what it was before the war, the stores and dairies are attempting to reduce it. They are trying to hang onto the wartime restrictions, even though this means less employment.

The reason for this is that the stores and dairies desire to retain the big profits they rolled up by reducing their delivery equipment and employees.

The Joint Council believes that if these facts are called to the attention of the public, the people will respond patriotically by demanding fresh milk every morning and by refusing to carry their packages from department stores.

The stores are still trying to force their customers to carry packages of less than five pounds, as they did during the war.

Every time a customer carries a package home, he is depriving a war veteran of the job of delivering it.

But when the Joint Council attempted to point some of these things out to the public in paid advertisements, they found the columns of the daily press closed to them.

The Star had an editorial encouraging people to carry their packages home. Yet the Star refused to permit the Teamsters to insert a paid advertisement encouraging people to have their packages delivered.

The Times and the News also refused the Teamster advertising.

They said they had no space. But a few days later when the Iron and Steel Institute rushed in with an ad claiming they could not afford to raise wages, all three newspapers opened their arms as wide as their advertising columns. The News ran a full page and the other two papers carried ads considerably larger than the Teamster advertisement they refused for "lack of space."

All three daily newspapers are filled with department store advertising and it was unquestionably the influence of the department stores that caused the newspapers to make a mockery of their slogan of a "free press."

The newspapers and department stores may have thought they had prevented the Teamsters from getting their message to the public.

But they did not.

The Joint Council turned to the weekly newspapers. They offered the advertisement to the following weekly papers:

The Indiana Catholic and Record.

The Jewish Post.

The North Side Topics.

The Indianapolis Recorder.

All four published it, thus proving that there is a free press in Indianapolis. But it is not the daily press. It is the weekly press.

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(Here is the advertisement which the Indianapolis News, the Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis Times refused to publish at any price.)

Give Veteran a Job!

On November 1 all wartime restrictions on all types of home deliveries were rescinded by the federal government.

That means you won't have to drink stale milk any longer. You can have it delivered fresh on your doorstep every morning.

It also means that you won't have to wrestle bulky packages home from the department stores on crowded buses and street cars.

In other words, the bars have been raised by the government. The war is over. The wartime necessity of conserving manpower and equipment no longer exists.

In fact, the necessity has been reversed. During the war it was your patriotic duty to drink stale milk delivered every other day, to carry your packages home in spite of the inconvenience.

Now it is your patriotic duty to demand that you get your milk fresh every day as you used to before the war. It is your patriotic duty to tell department store clerks, "Have it delivered!"

By insisting on the restoration of the service to which you were rightfully accustomed before the war, you will be providing jobs for the returning veterans who used to deliver your milk, your bread, your laundry and your packages.

The government told them they would get their jobs back if they survived the ordeal of combat.

But how can they get their jobs back if dairies and department stores refuse to expand their delivery systems to their prewar status of service to their customers?

More than 100,000 members of the Teamsters' Union climbed down off their trucks throughout the country and fell into ranks during the emergency.

Some 60,000 of them came off milk trucks, department store trucks and other equipment serving the homes of the nation.

What are they supposed to do now? Stand around and draw unemployment compensation?

They want their jobs back! They are entitled to them.

But their former employers, in many instances, prefer to retain the profits they piled up during the war by forcing you to drink stale milk and lug your packages home.

Did these stores and dairies reduce their prices when delivery costs were cut in half, or eliminated entirely?

Oh, no! They charged you every nickel the OPA would let them charge. They did not share their savings with you.

Now you have the opportunity to get the service for which you have been paying and to eliminate the inconvenience you have suffered. You also have the greater opportunity to give a war veteran a job by insisting that all your purchases be delivered promptly and that your milk be fresh every morning.

It is very simple. All you do is say—

"HAVE IT DELIVERED!"

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Letters To The Editor

A letter to the Richmond Palladium-Item from Corporal Francis O. Collins, of a gun battalion in Germany, inquires, "Why is it that guys back in the States are striking?" and then attempts himself to solve the biggest economic problem of all times, from his point of view, thus:

"Well, if the people don't know, we will tell you they didn't make enough money during the war when we fellows over here were losing our lives and losing our blood for those halfwits to strike for more money.

"It would be too good for them to come over here now after it is all over. I don't see how these nitwits can sleep at night. What if the army, navy, marines would have gone on a strike during the war, where would the country be today? You know and so does everyone else.

"These guys that are striking will be working for a buck a day and be darn glad to get it, and in my closing let me say these nitwits are just as bad as the krauts over here.

"P. S.—We helped with D-day."

The corporal's letter provoked another letter, to The Indiana Teamster which expresses the point of view of many people, including 100,000 union Teamsters who saw and are seeing just as much service as Corporal Collins.

Richmond, Ind.

Dear Editor:

My husband received his copy of The Indiana Teamster today and as usual I set myself down and read every word of it.

I know he will not receive it soon, as he is working on the Pennsylvania Railroad and belongs to the B. R. T.

But if he ever goes back to driving a truck he sure will be back in the Teamsters' union.

He first was with Local Union No. 716, then went to Terre Haute and was with No. 144. Also was in good standing in General Laborers' Local No. 204, of Terre Haute, and is now in good standing with the B. R. T. In fact, he would not think of doing a day's work on any union job as a scab.

So I want you to read this letter that was in the Richmond, Ind., paper tonight. The more I read it the madder I get.

The boy maybe has never held a job or perhaps does not realize what men have gone through to put our work standards where they are.

I don't feel my husband is a nitwit nor lots of other hard-working men that face a pay envelope that is getting smaller day by day. We live very carefully, but we sure have no large bank account nor any spare money to fool away.

I am truly,

MRS. LEROY HALE,
204 N. 7th St., Richmond, Ind.

Your Newspaper

The union Teamsters of Indiana constitute one of the strongest labor organizations in this country.

As such they are one big family, having mutual interests and common problems, which include combatting the opinion of people who disapprove of organized labor.

History of the Teamsters shows that they have moved upward, like most other American citizens, from humble parentage. The grand-daddies of the Teamsters worked 18 hours a day for a dollar and slept with their horses.

Today the Teamsters are out of the stable and sending their children to college.

Their way of life has been advanced by International leaders like Daniel J. Tobin and his assistant Flynn, and by the union leaders of all the 25 locals in Indiana.

These leaders have insisted from the beginning upon the value of publicity. For publicity purposes the Teamsters of Indiana have The Indiana Teamster.

This is not the best newspaper in the world, but it is the only one the Teamsters have, if we except their International Magazine.

And it is the only mouthpiece possessed by the Teamsters for telling their side in labor-management problems which are arising so frequently at this time.

A case in point is presented on page 1 of this issue

VINCENNES LOCAL 417 REPORTING

By STANLEY CRAWFORD

We are proud to say that Brother Marlin Beaman has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy and has taken his former position with the Tip Top Creamery Co. Brother Beaman was our steward at the Tip Top before entering the service.

Brother George Wilson is having several headaches with his steward job, but we all know that George is capable of taking care of the situation.

Construction work is very good in our jurisdiction, and is very promising for the future.

Brother Harry Freeman of Snyder Construction Co. has been promoted to warehouse foreman. We extend our congratulations to Harry as he still intends to stay with the Local.

We have been successful in organizing the Gorton Brothers drivers at Lawrenceville, Illinois, and a contract will be signed in the near future.

Our bread drivers are making several complaints in regard to shortage of merchandise, but maybe the sugar situation will improve soon.

Construction is well under way on the new Auto Lite Battery factory in Vincennes, with our ready-mix drivers delivering the concrete.

We were wondering why Brother Ernest Waldrop has been buying cigars by the box, and now we find out that it was a boy. Congratulations, Ernie!

Brother Doyle Padgett has been discharged from the Army and plans to return to his job with the Tip Top Creamery at Jasper. Glad to have you back, Doyle!

We have planned a fish fry after our next Flora, Illinois, meeting. The committee in charge are Brothers Benson, McCracken, Smith and Woomer. We hope they have plenty of fish and, well, you can guess!

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Anthony Frye, who passed away November 3. Brother Frye had been a member since March 24, 1943.

Over-the-Road Drivers Praised

CHICAGO—Over-the-road drivers of Indiana and elsewhere in the Central States area received wage increases in the new contract just signed with the Central States area employers' association.

Participating in the general contract are more than 40,000 over-the-road AFL drivers in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, who are members of more than 300 Teamster locals. More than 3,000 trucking firms in the employers' association are signatories.

Short run rates rose from 87 cents to \$1 an hour; through runs from 97 cents to \$1.02; mileage rates increased from 3.7 cents a mile to 4 cents for single-axled trucks; 3.7 cents a mile went up to 4.25 cents for tandems; 4.95 cents to 5.4 cents for doubles, and 3.7 cents to 5.4 cents for "jeep" combinations. On turn-around runs eight hours pay in 10 hours is provided with one hour for meal.

The contract also provides improved breakdown and layover clauses and two weeks' vacations for employees with five or more years' service.



- Oct. 1—The month of false faces and this joint is sure full of them.
- Oct. 2—Why does Bob Singleton go to Indianapolis when he gets so many phone calls here?
- Oct. 3—Joe Benko, Basil Freel, Jim and Vern McCain are getting their winter supply of pheasants up in South Dakota.
- Oct. 4—Any time you are looking for your Business Agent from Indianapolis on a Saturday that N. D. is playing at home call 4-1121.
- Oct. 5—George Irons claims the dog racing is over for this year.
- Oct. 6—Welcome back to "Pinky" Cobert and a lot more of the old gang.
- Oct. 7—Harry Kaczmiarszak is out of the hospital and doing fine.
- Oct. 8—The Benko Bombers are now bowling for John Almasy and that is bad news for Joe Farkas and his gang.
- Oct. 9—Looks good to see Elmer Wild back on his old job of foreman on the shipping dock.
- Oct. 11—Harriett Hitt should be careful how she gets out of a car, especially when Florence Hamilton is still in the car. How about that, John Perry?
- Oct. 11—With what money "Duke" Armstrong took off the Cub fans around the bottle shop he should be ready for another trip to the Latin Quarter.
- Oct. 12—A few people wish that Chris Columbus had not discovered this country, namely Adolf, Benito and Tojo.
- Oct. 13—Expect to hear that "Hunky Joe" Takacs has ridden Hirohito's horse by the time this is published.
- Oct. 14—If you ever have an accident either accidental or asked for, such as Otto Cenkush did, don't have Joe Wiegner take you to the hospital. You might wind up in a gravel pit.
- Oct. 15—Freddie Sharpe is running a matrimonial agency in behalf of Marshall Rodney. Sorry Freddie, he is married to his Bowsher.
- Oct. 16—It seems that Dick Clark will never learn to handle a hose, especially against Otto, Dooley and Bob.
- Oct. 17—They are starting to lay odds that John "Bigger Feet" Balogh will never get to work on time.
- Oct. 18—Now that they are excavating for some new cellars George Irons is the official fish catcher, Phil Dlugosz the assistant and Alex O'Shinski the referee.
- Oct. 19—"Buff" Walters sure moved that coal pile. Someone said there was a bottle planted under it.
- Oct. 20—That big guy you see on the West Side route is none other than Stan. Slake, late of the E. T. O.
- Oct. 21—Did Joe Benko push Steve Wiegner down the Z. B. steps?
- Oct. 22—Frank Kaniewski wants to know how George Irons can catch tailless fish with a salt shaker. George has the fish.
- Oct. 23—They finally found out what the keg taster was good for. Nice way to get it cleaned up, Alex.
- Oct. 24—Harold "Booby" Swanson and Frankie Johnson are back after a long time away.
- Oct. 25—Joe Wensits still says \$2.00 is too much.
- Oct. 26—Steve Weiger missed last night's game between Washington and Central by one phone call. Not even time for a drink.
- Oct. 27—Ed. Smith and "Duke" Armstrong are figuring on staying home on Sadie Hawkins day. What's the matter, fellows, is the "Little Stinker" after you.
- Oct. 28—I hear that the games are getting better these nights. How about it "Sam" and Eddy?
- Oct. 29—Anyone selling cigars wholesale contact Ernie Makielski, Clem Deka and Eddy Rzepka in the near future.
- Oct. 30—Anyone wanting to buy a new bowling ball, bag and shoes see George "Vinegar" Molnar in the bottle shop.
- Oct. 31—They are going to install a Klaxon at the stitchers for the day mechanics.
- P. S. Can you spare a nickel? Buy a Victory Bond and save it, as it may come in handy in the future.

NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL NO. 369

By D. E. MAHONEY

The next regular meeting of the Teamsters Local No. 369 will be held Sunday, December 9, 1945, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Anderson.

Brother Jack Purdy of Anderson has been removed from the St. Johns hospital to his home. Brother Purdy was involved in a taxi accident with a Big Four train, killing the driver of the cab. Trust Brother Purdy will be with us again soon.

We welcome back to our staff former business representative John Moffield, who is in charge of the Muncie and New Castle territory. Johnnie has spent the last three years in the army.

Brothers Eugene Mullin and Charles Briley, out of Marion, have just returned from three and one-half years of service with the armed forces and have taken their jobs with the Dibble Transfer and Sanitary Beverage, respectively.

We now have the Ray Cab 100 per cent organized and under contract. This makes both cab companies in Muncie, namely, the Craig Cab Co. and the Ray Cab, 100 per cent organized.

Brother R. A. Bousman, Albany, is in the heavy loading and wrecker service. For this kind of service, kindly call Mr. Bousman at 2561.

This local union deeply regrets the loss of one of its members, Mrs. Elberta Schultie, who died October 2. Mrs. Schultie had operated a service station in Marion since the death of her husband, William, who was also a member of this local.

We now have the Tunnel Taxi-cab Company out of Anderson 100 per cent organized. We are asking all our members to kindly patronize this company.

John J. Ropple, who has been serving in Guam, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant. He entered service May 3, 1944, and received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C. S/Sgt. Ropple was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands before going to Guam. He recently received the Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Ropple was employed by the Tarbet Trucking Company before entering service and has been a member of this local since 1941.

Representative Paul Kuhns is now in charge of the following cities: Albany, Dunkirk, Winchester, Union City and Portland.

The Omar Bakery drivers of Muncie have transferred into this local from No. 188, Indianapolis. Brother Murray Miller started to work November 5, 1945, out of this office as Business Representative for the Bakery and Milk Wagon Drivers.

28 WEST NORTH BECOMES A POWER HOUSE

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

Larry Coffee, a milk salesman for Capitol Dairies, was a little slow in finishing his route the other day. It was his last day on the route and he tried to see all of his customers to say "good bye." Larry, who is well liked by everyone, especially the kids, is leaving for Arizona for his health. Larry is a very good union man, a member and strong supporter of No. 188. A speedy recovery and best of luck, Larry!

Hats off to Brother Dick Kinneman for the first closed shop in the history of the Indianapolis dairy industry. We mean the new contract with Kroger Grocery and Baking Co.

In union there is strength!

How many of our good brothers buy milk from a non-union driver. Demand that he have a union button or card. If he doesn't, get in touch with a Capitol driver. HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION.

Our president, Brother Davis, will soon be back on the job. As most of you know, he has been on a well-earned vacation. We sure have missed and needed him many times. Welcome home, C. E.!

Brother Earl Stevens, of Colonial, is back on the job after doing a stretch in the Navy. Glad to see you home, Steve!

Also home and at Colonial is Tommy Davis from the Air Force. Tommy used to work for South Side. Nice to have you back, Tommy!

Brother Albert Keene, of Omar, is back to work after helping Uncle Sam for awhile. Also a welcome to you, Albert!

Brother Felix Maris, of Purity, has been sick for sometime now, but is recovering rapidly and will soon be back on the job. Be glad to see you up and around, Felix!

We would appreciate it if all the stewards would call to our attention any servicemen returning to work in the craft, and we would like to say something nice about them in this column. Also any other news, of interest or good, clean jokes about members of No. 188.

Our members at the Indiana Condensed Milk Co. of Sheridan have a bowling team and on the back of their bowling shirts it says "Local No. 188." How about some scores for publication?

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION.

First Closed Shop For Dairy Workers Signed by No. 188

The first closed shop agreement ever signed in Indianapolis affecting dairy employees, so far as C. E. Davis, president of Teamsters' Local 188, can learn, was completed during his vacation by C. R. Kinnaman, of the Union with the Kroger Dairy Department, in Indianapolis.

This agreement, effective November 7, gives all organized employees of the department increased wages and better working conditions.

President Davis was high in his praise of the work accomplished by Mr. Kinnaman.

IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

The next meeting of Local 759 will be held at the Labor Temple, 512 E. Sycamore St., December 1 at 8 P. M. All members are urged to attend as there will be matters of importance discussed.

We have recently finished the Transit Mix contract which has been signed by the Logansport Transit Mix calling for an increase of pay and time and one-half after 40 hours, which contract previously called for time and one-half after 50 hours. The Kokomo Transit Mix has not signed but are paying the provisions of the new contract.

We have also finished the gasoline Transport contract with the Shell American Co. which covers Locals 364-South Bend, 298-Michigan City and 759-Kokomo, in which an increase was granted as of November 1, 1945.

All of our contracts for the year have been signed and agreed on and we are now preparing to open the City Freight contract and also the contract covering our coal drivers, which are the only two local contracts that are not finished for 1946.

We are also waiting word on the over-the-road contract and are still waiting on the decision to come down on the Willett Freight Lines.

Merle Browning, who spent several months in a German concentration camp and worked for Mike Mascari, beer distributor, is back from the service.

Brother Fouts is back from the service, working on his old job at National Cylinder at Logansport. Also Gene Maddox and Harold Bitner. We are glad to welcome these boys back to the fold of Local 759.

We are sorry to report that to date Lee Watson, who hurt his back at the National Cylinder, is still on the sick list and unable to work.

The Clemans Freight Line has opened a new terminal in Kokomo with Mr. Cummins in the office, who was recently with Keeshin Freight Lines, and are employing two men, Max Conwell and Robert Hunter.

The Armour Creamery Co. in Rochester is building an addition to its building, and it is rumored will employ several more people in the plant.

To date we have heard nothing of the luck Byron Zimmerman had with his hunting and trapping on his vacation, but Dora Zumbaugh and the rest of the committee have kept things pretty well lined up while Byron has been gone.

The Omar men at a meeting held October 25 voted to keep their present committee for another 60 or 90 days, which leaves Howard Weeks as chairman and Robert Coy as steward.

All members of Local 759 do not want to forget when buying bread to ask for Omar, Ward and Colonial. To date Dietzen is the only non-union bread in the territory.

Robert Lauderbaugh is also back from the Army and on his old job at Newell Beverage, Kokomo.

Joe Williams' Says:

Patient waiting may solve a problem when feverish activity fails. Simple tolerance may move a sinner to repent, when harsh discipline is useless.

South Pacific



Bidding his wife and two children "Good bye," Charles Feaster gave up driving for a Richmond motor corporation and departed in uniform for San Francisco, and thence to the South Pacific. In a letter back to James K. Katz, secretary of Teamsters' Local 691, Pvt. Feaster asked to be remembered to all his fellow members in the union.

233 Gets Contract With 5 Warehouses

Teamsters' Local 233 of Indianapolis has signed a blanket agreement covering five big warehouses in Indianapolis, which gives the drivers and warehousemen a substantial increase in pay and a 40-hour week.

Companies to the agreement are: Indiana Terminal and Refrigerating Co., General Storage Dept.; Coburn Storage and Warehouse Co., Indianapolis Warehouse and Storage Co., Tripp Warehouse Co., and Strohm Warehouse and Cartage Co.

Representing the union in these negotiations with Robert McClain were Paul Page, business agent; Edward Cobb of Indiana Terminal, Paul Higgs of Strohm, and Paul Boss of Coburn.

Three Other Good Ones

Local 233 also has completed contract negotiations with the Standard Grocery Co., Swift & Co., and Kingan & Co., which give the union members wage increases, better working conditions and vacations.

At present Local 233 is in negotiations with the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co. and the Kibler Trucking Co., contracting carrier for the A&P Tea Co.

JOBLESS PAY CHECKS PROMISED ON TIME

"Hoosier defense workers now jobless and eligible for unemployment compensation will soon not have to wait longer than the normal three weeks before receipt of their weekly benefit checks," according to Noble R. Shaw, director of the Indiana Employment Security Division.

Indianapolis Teamster Locals Gain New Pep in Teamwork Of Organization and Education

In the last few months the five Indianapolis Teamster Locals, with headquarters at 28 West North St., have been working together in a renewed spirit of cooperation to obtain new members.

Results have been more than satisfactory. Not only have the locals shown an increase in membership, but a general feeling of cooperation has arisen among the locals, regardless of whether they are unions of bakery, furniture, produce or other drivers.

The drivers have been educated to carry their books, by an organizing committee, which goes on the streets for several hours every day.

Business Agents Working

This organizing group comprised of three or four business agents from various locals, contacts union and non-union drivers, makes solicitations, checks union books and reports their findings in a written report to the building. These reports are then sifted and distributed to each respective local, and constructive action is taken immediately.

A Publicity Committee representing five local unions and headed by Raymond Friesthuler, has also been established. This committee reports that banners have been procured in readiness for any parade, and speakers are being trained to represent the Teamsters Union at civic gatherings.

Every Business Representative has been taking an active interest in giving oral reports on Wage and Hour, NLRB, Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill and other new developments in the labor field.

This program has proven educational and profitable to the local union and its representatives.

LOCAL 520

By STEVEN TOTH

We are sure glad to see so many of our boys back from the armed forces. Welcome home, boys! Your jobs are waiting for you at a higher rate of pay, and better working conditions.

The Lake Cities Concrete contract has been settled with a 10 cents an hour raise. The Oil contract has also been settled, with a 15 cents per hour raise. The Liquor Drivers and Helpers also received a raise on their new contract.

We have six signatures on the new Construction contract, with only two more to get—for a 100 per cent agreement in that group.

We wish to thank Papa Justak of Justak & Sons for being the first big operator to pay the new construction scale. Walter Samocki of Samocki Bros. Trucking was second. . . . Two darn good operators! We have the other kind, too.

In Gary they call him the Russian-Fred Astaire, and can he dance, after the second bottle of "Four Roses." UNO WHO!!!

We also have dancers on our Executive Board. You should have seen "One Wiggle Kubisz," our president, do his stuff! Frank Potesak did the "Croation Limp," and Joe Burba—that's our man—he did what was called "The Polish Hop and Flop." Boy, was he good! Frank Novak didn't perform. He claims he drank some water before he left the house and it upset his stomach. Bob Smith couldn't dance because he still had his army shoes on, and Kai Borsists was bothered with his rheumatism, he says. A good time was had by all. (I mean all that hadn't seen the bill for the shindig.)

Sorry to hear about Ralph Coyle of Steel Motor, being killed in an auto accident.

Chet Schwandt of Calumet Trucking was trying to persuade one of his "buddies" from getting married, but no luck, so he says, "All right, go get married, but what are you going to do with your evenings?"

Richmond Local 691 Says Hello

By JAMES K. KATZ

Teamsters' Local 691 has just finished negotiations with the Jos. E. Seagram & Sons, Distillers, and the men have received a 13-cent increase, plus additional vacation pay.

Joe Keller stopped in the office to say hello and expects to be back on the job before long. Says it's good to be back after three years in Italy.

Jimmie Stewart, formerly employed by the Calumet Paving Co., is acting as Assistant Business Agent for this local.

Negotiations with the Kenosha Auto Transport Co. have been completed and all drivers are being hired through the local office.

Marion Marshall recently escaped injury in a truck and auto accident on U. S. 35.

Joe Boyer also escaped serious injury in a truck and auto crash.

But Louis Carlin was not so fortunate. He was seriously hurt in a motorcycle accident.

When did Schenley put helpers on trucks?

Be careful, Bill! Don't swallow that cigar!

Had any double doubles lately, Carl?

Ray, did Johnny get your tractor that dirty?

New Deadline

Deadline on copy for The Indiana Teamster will hereafter be the first Thursday after the regular monthly meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, which is regularly held on the third Friday of the month.

Notice to all Business Agents: This date was decided upon at the last Council meeting. Please observe!

TOTH WANTS GIFTS FOR 'YANKS WHO GAVE'

President of Drivers' Council Asks All Locals to Contribute Xmas Cheer to Wounded Vets

By STEVEN TOTH

Pulaski Post No. 78 of The American Legion, together with its Ladies' Auxiliary, is launching a drive in East Chicago to obtain gifts for "Yanks Who Gave," and who are hospitalized now in government hospitals.

All East Chicago Teamsters of Local 520 are behind this drive 100 per cent, and I appeal to the members of every other local of Teamsters in Indiana to join the movement in their own communities.

The locals can cooperate by collecting Christmas presents from all their members for the boys of War II who are now hospitalized in America and the government hospitals elsewhere, and deliver these presents to their nearest post of The American Legion.

This movement, as you probably know, is the nation-wide program of the National American Legion and its Ladies' Auxiliary, in cooperation with the Eddie Cantor radio show, heard every Wednesday night.

The Legion and Eddie Cantor hope to collect at least two million gifts, to be distributed to more than 500,000 "Yanks Who Gave" and are now lying on their backs because of their sacrifice.

Everyone Can Help

No community is too small or too large to participate in this program, and every citizen should be given this opportunity to show his appreciation of those who have given so much in defense of our nation. They must not be forgotten now. WE TEAMSTERS MUST NOT FORGET!

Many boys are coming home to cheery firesides at this Christmas time. We want to remember those who are wounded and cannot return at this time. Your gift may help to cheer and build up hope in the struggle for recovery now being made by the "Yanks Who Gave" so that some day they, too, can return to Christmas firesides.

He Didn't Ask for It

Remember—That boy in the hospital bed is not there of his own choosing. He did not write the order for combat. He did not release the bomb, plant the mine, pull the trigger that fired the fatal shot. He had nothing to do with the unfortunate circumstances that placed him there. He is there because he was defending his country!

So what do you say?

Let's all get together and add another gift to our Christmas list for the "Yank Who Gave," and show the boys we haven't forgotten them in their great fight for recovery.

In order to aid in the selection of suitable gifts, here is a suggested list of items.

Personalized Gifts—Leather picture frame, key cases, army scarf, fountain pen, billfold, leather slippers, cigarette case, zipper case for toilet articles, mirror (metal), automatic pencil, address book, letter folder (leather), snap shot folder, pipe and smoking tobacco, tobacco pouch, manicuring kit, pocket games (checkers, chess, cribbage), stytic pencil, shoe laces (black and brown), books (mysteries, classics, Bibles, comics, dictionaries, westerns, and humor, no war stories).

Personal Needs—Small comb (in case), shaving cream, shaving lotion, nail files, pencil sharpener, handkerchiefs, sewing kit, stationery, shoe shine kit, army necktie, socks (black and white), soap (hand and face), tooth paste, razor blades, shaving brush, shaving talc, hair oil, shoe polish, polish cloth for shoes, button polishing cloth.

(Note that candies and food are not mentioned. Hospital regulations do not permit food to be brought in to patients.)

So that these gifts may be distributed in time for Christmas, the committee requests the generous public contribute their gifts before the deadline of December 9, 1945.

In this vicinity gifts may be left at Legion headquarters, 3807 Pulaski St., at Indiana Harbor, or at the headquarters of the East Chicago Teamsters, 4616 Indianapolis Blvd.

Elsewhere take your gifts to the nearest Legion Post.

Teamsters Urge Public Demand Daily Store and Milk Delivery

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Through these four papers the Teamsters got their message to the public, getting much wider circulation at less expense than they could have through the columns of the daily papers.

This is just a start of the campaign to restore full delivery service. Most of it must be carried on by the Teamsters with the assistance of other unions.

They are getting the support of other unions, according to International headquarters. The International Teamster has been carrying on a similar campaign for two months and labor papers throughout the country are pledging their support through editorials urging labor to demand daily delivery of milk to their homes and the delivery of all packages.

The stores and dairies will resume prewar deliveries only when public demand forces them to give the service for which the public has been paying all during the war.

The Teamsters must create that public demand.

Teamsters at French Lick



Emmett J. Williams (left), representing Teamsters' Joint Council No. 69 and leading the delegation of Teamsters from various parts of the state to the recent Democratic Editorial Association meeting at French Lick, is greeted by Fred Bays, who later stated:

"I am profoundly grateful for the Teamsters' interest in the principles of good government. At French Lick their delegation, led by Joe Williams, informed political leaders and editors that they must be liberal, progressive and constructive. The Teamsters' legislative program for the common man is a magnificent Magna Charta for human rights and human liberties. I am proud and happy to support their efforts for a better America and a better world."

THINGS I SEE AROUND 1-9-3

By BERNARD YOUNG

Discovered! Place to hunt rabbits! Ask Fred Stacy. Speak to him about the Frog farm.

Swell seeing so many old-timers back, driving for Aero Mayflower.

Have a letter from a service man that is a nasty slap regarding strikes—also know others that are not pleased about them. Better write them, boys, and tell them the truth of things.

Hey! All stewards, be sure to have all items about your barn ready. Turn in at regular meetings.

Fred Daley, now in service, former employee of Columbia Terminals, on furlough and got around to see all his old buddies there.

Seems Frank Knopps hasn't been feeling so well lately. Here's hoping he is a lot better.

Seems that Jack King, Perkins barn, can't miss the first day of hunting season. Hope he had some luck! He was not alone. Hear Summers of Columbia Terminals went banging around over hill and dale, for the hopping hare.

We are right in the midst of the holiday season, Thanksgiving and all. It might be fitting to say our Local has a right this year to be thankful for several things. Just be at the next meeting and find out.

Ray Page, driver at Shank Storage, saw a certain something over West New York street way the other day, but curb stopped him. Or, maybe, it was the steering on his truck broke loose. Anyway, it was a narrow squeak.

"Boss Man" Granat spent a shivery 15 minutes breaking into a car, whose keys were locked inside. Don't trust him around a locked car, he's strictly professional.

Darn that turkey. Can't get the left-overs out of my teeth yet. Whew!

Sam Thomas found new way to bore holes. Bed slat came down out of a pile of goods endways on the old bean.

Business Representative Michael Granat wishes to report that John

Mikels recently of Mayflower Transit Co. went to work for Local 193. John is one of the old gang and a hellava good furniture man from way back. John is taking to union work like a duck to water and will make a good man. The rest of "youse guys" try to get along with "Curly" John Mikels.

Better a little early than never, so will close this jam-session wishing each and every one of Local 1-9-3 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

716 Negotiates For Next Year

Several meetings have been held between Teamsters' Local 716 of Indianapolis, headed by Johnie Baker, and the Wage and Working Agreement committee of the Contractors' Association looking toward a new union contract for 1946.

The new agreement is expected to mean a nice increase for 150 members of 716, retroactive to October 11, 1945.

The Union also is in negotiations for a 1946 agreement with the Ready Mixed Concrete Corp. and Heston Concrete Co., both of Indianapolis.

Meanwhile, plans are being made by Local 716 to start bargaining with the American Aggregates Corp. for a 1946 contract which will affect 75 union members employed in the company's two gravel pits, at 1400 West Raymond St. and 6700 Westfield Rd., Broad Ripple.

GRANAT ATTENDS SAFETY COURSE

LAFAYETTE—A Motor Vehicle Fleet Supervisors' Training Course is now being conducted at Purdue University by the Public Safety Institute, headed by Prof. J. L. Lingo.

Leading authorities in all the phases of motor vehicle fleet safety and supervision are serving as instructors.

Among those scheduled to

LAFAYETTE NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

Among our members returning from the service are Clate Williams, Harold Ford and Joseph Gentry. All three were driving for Hayes and have taken their former positions.

New increases in rates and conditions have just gone into effect at the Sunshine Farms Dairy Company.

Our boys at the Hicks Body Co. are out of work after their recent raise, because of the strike of inside employees of Federal Union 22207.

Saw Louis Runda off his milk route early the other day, and asked him why. He said he had hurt his back. I asked if he was working. He said "Yes" but that Wayne Anstead went along and did ALL the work. Leave it to Louie, he will get by.

Local 543 lost a good member and Ingram-Richardson a reliable driver by the sudden death of Fred Hale. We extend our sympathies to the family.

Recently discharged from the service, Harold Hart has returned to his milk route and is happy about it all.

Thornton Koontz, after many months in Europe, also intends to take over his route at the Sunshine Farms about December 1st.

We have just signed a new contract with the Milner Provision Co. at Frankfort, with increase of wages and vacation improvement.

Fay Meneely visits friends in Lafayette about every week-end. Ain't love grand.

Ivan Grenat, having received his discharge from the Seabees, is home with his family. Before entering the service, Ivan was president and business representative of Local 543.

Terre Haute Proud Of Returning Vets

TERRE HAUTE—A statement from Teamsters Local 144 says:

We are proud to welcome back many of our brothers from the armed services, among whom are:

James Buchanan, Duane Wiser, Herschel Shumaker, Joseph Hedding, Frank Holmes, Albert D. Ames, Edgar Pacatti, Wilbur Roller, Henry Sneddon, Bill Cookley, John Scherr, Ed Phelps, Herschel McCullough, Mae McKenzie, William Barnes, Roy Day, Warren Patrick, John Stanley, William Roberts, and Fred Graves.

We all join to thank them for the good job that they did.

act as discussion leaders are: Michael C. Granat, president of Joint Council 69, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Indianapolis; Arthur C. Butler, director, National Highway Users' Conference, Washington, D. C., and T. N. Boate, National Conservation Bureau, New York.